PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

1195. One thousand six hundred and thirty-five passengers were given Joy Flying at Davangere during November 1955 and at Mysore during Dasara. The total revenue on this account during the year was Rs. 10,400.

1196. There were no accidents during the year except a heavy landing of the Aircraft VT-CQU.

(vi) The Mysore Government Museum.

1197. The Mysore Government Museum, Bangalore, continued to be popular and a record number of visitors went round the galleries of the Museum during the year.

Galleries.

1198. Bilingual labels in English and Kannada were being systematically introduced for the specimens displayed in the galleries describing the period and the locality to which they belong and also in the Natural History Section so as to furnish the visitors with the details of the different species of fauna found in the State.

1199. Two rare ancient bronzes of "Umasahithachandrasekhara Murthy," specimens of intrinsic merit were acquired and they were attractively displayed in a showcase specially got prepared for the purpose.

1200. Eleven ancient coins were acquired for the coin cabinet of the Museum.

1201. Specimens of sugarcane showing the various stages of the manufacture of sugar in the Sugar Factory at Mandya were renewed. The Flow Chart relating to the manufacture of sugar with the details of the bye-products manufactured, was under preparation at the Factory for display in the Museum.

1202. The question of the expansion of the Government Museum, Bangalore, on modern lines as a full fledged multi-purpose Museum at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 lakhs was under consideration of the Expert Museum Survey Committee set up by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

1203. It was proposed to remodel the "Victory Hall" in a suitable manner for setting up an Art Gallery there.

Educational Work.

1204. The systematic guide lectures to students from primary schools in Bangalore City on the history, flora, fauna and industries in the Mysore State were delivered as usual on Saturday mornings.

1205. A total number of 14,950 students accompanied by 591 teachers belonging to 266 educational institutions in and around Bangalore were offered facilities to visit the institution and go round the galleries.

Visitors.

1206. The total number of visitors who visited the Museum during the year was 5,11,579 besides a good number of distinguished persons.